

CALFED Ops Group Decision Making Process

- **Ops Group Decision-making Process designed to:**
 - Make decisions at lowest possible level
 - Elevate unresolved issues quickly
 - Notify Ops Group participants of recommendations and decisions

- **Parties that participate in the Ops Group Process include:**
 - State and Federal Government
 - ✓ Seven State and federal agencies
 - ✓ Other CALFED Agencies
 - Stakeholders
 - ✓ Water Users
 - ✓ Delta Interests
 - ✓ Environmental Interests

- **The CALFED Ops Group**
 - Member Agencies
 - ✓ State agencies include DWR, SWRCB Staff, and DFG.
 - ✓ Federal agencies include USBR, EPA, FWS, and NMFS.
 - ✓ Each agency has one representative and one alternate.
 - Convenes monthly meetings open to the public.
 - Will convene emergency meetings and/or conference calls as needed.
 - Coordinates the operations of the CVP/SWP, protection of ESA listed fishery species, and implementation of CVPIA.

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□ **CALFED Ops Group Subgroups**

- No-Name Group
 - ✓ Forum to discuss issues and identify conflicts
 - ✓ Serves to disseminate Ops Group related information
 - ✓ Stakeholder driven
- Data Assessment Team
 - ✓ Evaluates fishery-related data in real-time.
 - ✓ Agency driven
 - ✓ Forum for input from stakeholders
 - ✓ Recommends actions to protect fish
- B2 Interagency Team
 - ✓ Evaluates implementation of CVPIA Section 3406 b(2) actions
 - ✓ Agency driven

□ **Water Operations Management Team**

- Includes Policy-level participants from DWR, DFG, USBR, FWS, and NMFS.
- Meets weekly to ensure maximum coordination among Ops Group agencies.
- Ops Group co-chairs report Ops Group activities to the WOMT and report back to the Ops Group, its subgroups, and various participants on decisions made by the WOMT.

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